

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. ~~3~~8 is an exemplary functional diagram of the medical support apparatus 300 according to the second embodiment. The medical support apparatus 300 includes a patient ID acquisition unit 318 for obtaining the patient ID from the patient's wireless tag ~~318~~308, a diagnosis/treatment member ID acquisition unit 320 for obtaining the diagnosis/treatment member ID from the diagnosis/treatment member's wireless tag 310, a nurse ID acquisition unit 322 for obtaining the nurse IS from the nurse's wireless tag 312, a diagnosis/treatment member determination unit 324 for determining whether or not the medicine 302 is suitable for the patient 304, a nurse determination unit 326 for determining whether or not the nurse is in charge of the patient 304, a dosing timing determination unit 328 for determining whether or not a dosing timing of the medicine 302 is proper, a medication error determination unit 330 for determining whether or not a combination of the disease/injury of the patient 304 and the medicine 302 is improper, a warning unit 332 for issuing a warning to the patient 304 and the nurse 306 based on the determination results of the diagnosis/treatment member determination unit 324, the nurse determination unit 326, the dosing timing determination unit 328 and the medication error determination unit 330.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 20 and 21 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Figs. 4 and 5 are flowcharts~~Fig. 9 is a flowchart of an exemplary operation of the medical support apparatus 300 according to the present embodiment. When the patient 304 approached the medical support apparatus 300 sufficiently (Step S400-Y), the patient ID acquisition unit 318 obtains the patient ID from the patient's wireless tag 308 carried by the patient 304 (Step S402). Moreover, when the medicine 302 approached the medical support apparatus 300 sufficiently (Step S404-Y), the diagnosis/treatment member ID acquisition unit 320 obtains the diagnosis/treatment member ID from the diagnosis/treatment member's wireless tag 310 attached to the medicine 302 (Step S406).